

## House Resolution No. 548

**Whereas**, the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Missouri jurisdiction and the Order of the Eastern Stars from the City of St. Louis will host the 31st Midwest Conference of Grand Masters and the 16th Midwest Conference of Grand Chapters at the St. Louis Hilton Frontenac on March 14-16, 2003; and

**Whereas**, this year's event will attract individuals from eleven states who will participate in workshops, seminars, and programs of civic, community, and economic development; and

**Whereas**, the Conference comprises Prince Hall affiliations across the Midwest which include participants from the states of Illinois, Iowa, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Ohio, and Wisconsin; and

**Whereas**, the Prince Hall Masonic Family of St. Louis proudly hosted the Midwest Regional Conference in 1996; and

**Whereas**, the theme of this year's Conference will be "The Prince Hall Family Taking Another Step to Meet the Challenges of the Twenty-first Century"; and

**Whereas**, the Prince Hall Masonic Family is dedicated to achieving fraternal harmony among Grand Lodges and Grand Chapters, promoting and encouraging community involvement, supporting charitable agencies, and extending strong educational support for youth; and

**Whereas**, the Prince Hall Family continues its involvement with the business sector, conduction of educational workshops and seminars, and assistance for those in need; and

**Whereas**, the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Charles Wills, Jr., Esquire, and Grand Worthy Matron, Barbara Jones, welcome state officials and other dignitaries to attend the joint session and conference as it convenes March 13, 2003:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations and best wishes to the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Missouri and the Order of Eastern Stars from the City of St. Louis upon this very special occasion; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation during the 31st Midwest Conference of Grand Masters and the 16th Midwest Conference of Grand Chapters in St. Louis, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Connie L. Johnson  
District No. 61

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 548, adopted March 3, 2003.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker